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1. The recent price reductions of manufactured articles have to a certain extent calmed the hostile attitude of the population towards the regime, but discontent still exists because a fall in the price of articles of food was eagerly awaited.
2. Communist propaganda is trying to account for this state of affairs by emphasizing the backwardness of agriculture as against industrial production.
3. In spite of this explanation it is not generally believed that the government intends to lower food prices in the future.
4. Many critics point out that the government after reducing the prices of certain articles, places them on the market under a new name and at retail prices higher than those affected by the reduction. The propaganda justifying this state of things by the supposedly better quality of the goods is received with skepticism.

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